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The metal plant, generally known as Tagil-Stroi, is located about 6/10 miles southeast of the east railroad station in NIZHNI TAGIL (59°58' E/57°56' N), Sverdlovsk Oblast.

The plant covers an area of about 2.7x0.6 miles. According to statements by Soviet workers, construction work was done continuously since 1928. The largest part of this work was done by German PWs. The cast molding shop was completed in 1946. The first of the five blast furnaces was put in operation early in 1948. The other four blast furnaces were scheduled to be ready for operation sometime in 1948. A railroad track enters the plant area at the northeast and leads to the blast furnaces. A plant-owned power station is located in the northwest installations. For plant layout, see Annex.

Estimated at about 5,000 to 6,000 convicts and forced laborers.

T-iron girders, large iron plates, allegedly plates for tank hulls. At the time of observation the plant was not operating at capacity.

a. The metal combine in NIZHNI TAGIL was known before the war. The construction of the plant was started in 1938, and not in 1928 as claimed by source.

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Novotagilski Metallurgicheski Zavod is the official designation of the plant. The first pig iron and steel processed by this plant was delivered in 1940. By 1950 this plant is supposed to be the second largest one of this type in the Soviet Union.

b. In pinpointing the location of the plant source uses the east railroad station as a landmark. This railroad station is not listed in any previous available records. It is assumed that source mistook the freightyard belonging to the continuously expanding plant for the east railroad station. According to available records the plant is located about 2,000 feet east of the main NIZHNI TAGIL railroad station.

c. The attached sketch is the first available illustration of the plant layout. The 16 smokestacks, part of the two rolling mills reported by source, are assumed to be connected with the 16 Bessemer converter reported with previous information. The five blast furnaces reported by source are also listed in an earlier report. The number of workers as stated by source is assumed to refer only to the personnel employed in construction work.

This information is considered credible. The sketch on the plant layout requires confirmation.

1 Annex: Metal Plant in NIZHNI TAGIL

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